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seed

you don't ~need~ soil
to sprout a seed

inside its body already: energy
nutrients
knowledge 2 grow

But, to carry across
multiple years and seasons
to hold off, on
that potential

many seeds,
especially those untamed,
unlikely to take root in ideal conditions
must first endure harsh circumstances
to g e r m i n a t e
-signal-
it is time for growth to begin.

I saw our suffering
reflected

myself and so many kin: dearly
loved
we have grown

long since seeded in hardship
we are LUSH now
but then, I thought:
fuck that!

we didn't need hardship to grow this lush,
gimme soil.